



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

# **Ponseti International Association**

**WHEREAS**, the late De. Ignacio Ponseti developed the low-cost, non-surgical, highly effective Ponseti Method that includes gentle manipulation of the feet followed by the application of plaster casts and temporary bracing, which is now the globally recognized standard of care for treating clubfoot deformity; and

**WHEREAS**, clubfoot is the most common musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting 200,000 newborn children each year, 80 percent in developing countries, with hundreds of thousands of children and young adults who live with this debilitating condition worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, serious impediments to the delivery of the Ponseti Method for treating clubfoot include stigma and ignorance about clubfoot and lack of awareness that clubfoot is treatable using Dr. Ponseti's Method; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ponseti International Association was established in 2006 to realize the vision of a "world free of untreated clubfoot deformity"; and

**WHEREAS**, June 3<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as "World Clubfoot Day" to commemorate the birthdate of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this day is to raise awareness of clubfoot disability and its prevention using the Ponseti Method;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2015 as**

## **"WORLD CLUBFOOT DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join in this observance.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-eighth day of May, 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i